

# COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

## CROPS INFORMATION GUIDE



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### Department A

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#### EXHIBIT LOCATION | CRAIG TAYLOR FARM EXHIBITS (BARN)

Credentials are not required to enter the Fairgrounds. Entrants drive to their respective exhibit building, enter items, and leave to accommodate others.

##### **Exhibit Entry - Farm Exhibits (Barn):**

1st Entry: **TUESDAY**, August 19, Noon – 9 pm

2nd Entry: **TUESDAY**, August 26, Noon – 9 pm

##### **Ribbon Pick-up (Hoskins):**

Tuesday, September 2, 1 pm – 6 pm

Saturday, September 6, 1 pm – 6 pm

*First Entry ribbons may be claimed during Second Entry intake and, until the close of Fair, in the Crops Department, see Crops Attendant.*

Entries without entrant contact/mailling information will be automatically disqualified and not judged.

**Enter only once per class, except for 'Other' Class in each Division, excluding Divisions 06 & 13. Conform to instructions.**

All entries must be grown by exhibitor unless otherwise noted. Refer to “Judging Criteria” and “Definitions” for guidelines. Judging is on market quality. All entries, become the Fair’s property, except Division 1 Herbal Window Boxes, Divisions 14,15 Garden Displays, and Giant Pumpkins. All produce is donated to various Community Services, the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center and the Alaska Zoo.

#### **JUDGING CRITERIA:**

- Division 01-09, 11-15: Market quality, clean, undamaged, uniformity, size, trueness to type and color.
- Division 10, 17: Clean, undamaged, weight or length. Over matured/bolted entries will not be accepted.

### REGULAR PREMIUMS:

- 1st \$7.00
- 2nd \$5.00
- 3rd \$3.00

### SPECIAL PREMIUMS

- *Division 10, Class 05 or 06 (over 50#)*  
*Cabbage, green or red*  
1st Place only - \$50.00
- *Divisions 14 & 15 (Garden Display)*
  - 1st \$50.00
  - 2nd \$35.00
  - 3rd \$20.00

### DEFINITIONS:

**Bunch:** Tied market bunch, 1"-2" in diameter for radishes, beet, endive, mustard, spinach, and turnip greens. Tied market bunch, 2"-5" for broccoli, chard, collard greens and kale.

**Topped:** Removed evenly to within ½" or as listed per Class guidelines.

**Trimmed:** Roots and/or stems pared and cut to reasonable length.

**Cleaned:** No visible soil on leaves, stems, or roots.

**Wrapper leaves:** Leaves closest to head with a curled edge.

**With Stems:** Neatly trimmed to ½" - 3", as per Division & Class guidelines.

All divisions are open to ages 6 and above. Age consideration for Juniors (ages 6 to 17) is given only in Divisions 03, 04, 05, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18. Potato Parade is open to ages 5 and under only. Junior age must be stated on entry form.

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*Divisions begin on next page.*

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## DIVISION 01: HERBS

***One entry per class, except Class 41 Other - 3 allowed per entrant.***

Display in bunches of ½" diameter base and up to 20" tall (fennel and dill to 30"). Herbs are judged on market quality, fragrance, correct variety names and the criteria listed above.

### **Class:**

- 01 Basil
  - 02 Borage
  - 03 Catnip
  - 04 Chamomile
  - 05 Chervil
  - 06 Chives
  - 07 Chives, Garlic
  - 08 Cilantro
  - 09 Comfrey
  - 10 Coriander
  - 11 Dill
  - 12 Fennel, fronds only
  - 13 Fennel, with seeds
  - 14 Fennel, bulb only, stalks cut to 4"
  - 15 Garlic, 5 bulbs, roots trimmed, 1" stems
  - 16 Lavender
  - 17 Lemon Balm
  - 18 Lovage
  - 19 Marjoram, Sweet
  - 20 Mint, Applemint
  - 21 Mint, Chocolate
  - 22 Mint, Spearmint
  - 23 Mint, Variegated
  - 24 Mint, Other
  - 25 Oregano
  - 26 Parsley, Curled Leaf
  - 27 Parsley, Flat Leaf
  - 28 Peppermint
  - 29 Rosemary
  - 30 Sage, Garden
  - 31 Sage, Pineapple
  - 32 Sage, Variegated
  - 33 Savory, Summer
  - 34 Sorrel
  - 35 Tarragon, French
  - 36 Thyme, Common
  - 37 Thyme, Lemon
  - 38 Thyme, Other
  - 39 Collection, 5 to 8 cut specimens, your choice
  - 40 Herbal Window Box, minimum of 5 related herbs growing in one container, maximum length 36", (e.g. tea, culinary, aromatic, Italian garden)
  - 41 Other
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## DIVISION 02: COLLECTIONS

5 or more varieties. Variety names and labels are required.

### **Class:**

- 01 Greenhouse grown vegetables
  - 02 Outdoor grown vegetables
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## DIVISION 03: WILD BERRIES

**One entry per class, except Class 16 Other - 3 allowed per entrant.**

1/2 – 1 cup, unless otherwise specified. Submit foliage sample for all Classes. NO stems except when otherwise specified. Collections require 1/3 – 1/2 cup of each berry, 5 clusters and/or a single layer, conforming to individual Class guidelines. For Junior consideration – indicate sub-category J and state age on entry form. (e.g. J12)

### Class:

- 01 Blueberry, *Vaccinium* species, tall
  - 02 Blueberry, *Vaccinium* species, low
  - 03 Bog Cranberry, *Oxycoccus microcarpus*
  - 04 Cranberry, Low-bush or Lingonberry, *Vaccinium vitis idaea*
  - 05 Cranberry, High-bush, *Viburnum edule*
  - 06 Crowberry, *Empetrum nigrum*
  - 07 Currant, black, *Ribes* species, 10 clusters (berries attached)
  - 08 Currant, red, *Ribes triste*, 10 clusters (berries attached)
  - 09 Raspberry, *Rubus idaeus*, 1 layer
  - 10 Rosehip, *Rosa acicularis*, sepals attached, 1 layer
  - 11 Rosehip, *Rosa nutkana*, sepals attached, 1 layer
  - 12 Salmonberry, *Rubus spectabilis*, 1 layer
  - 13 Serviceberry, *Amelanchier* species
  - 14 Watermelon Berry, *Streptopus amplexifolius*, with stems, 1 layer
  - 15 Collection of 5 or more named wild berry varieties, with each species/variety labeled.
  - 16 Other
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## DIVISION 04: CULTIVATED BERRIES

**One entry per class, except Class 13 Other - 3 allowed per entrant.**

1/2 – 1 cup, unless otherwise specified. Submit foliage sample for all Classes. NO stems except when otherwise specified. Collections require 1/3 – 1/2 cup of each berry, 5 clusters and/or a single layer, conforming to individual Class guidelines. For Junior consideration – indicate sub-category J and state age on entry form. (e.g. J12) List variety if known.

### Class:

- 01 Currant, black, 10 clusters (berries attached)
  - 02 Currant, pink, 10 clusters (berries attached)
  - 03 Currant, red, 10 clusters (berries attached)
  - 04 Currant, white, 10 clusters (berries attached)
  - 05 Gooseberry, green, 1 layer with 1/2" stems
  - 06 Gooseberry, red, 1 layers with 1/2" stems
  - 07 Raspberry, red, 1 layer
  - 08 Raspberry, yellow, 1 layer
  - 09 Raspberry, black or purple, 1 layer
  - 10 Rosehip, sepals attached, 1 layer
  - 11 Serviceberry, *Amelanchier* species
  - 12 Strawberry, sepals attached, 1 layer
  - 13 Collection 5 or more named cultivated berry varieties, with each species/variety labeled.
  - 14 Other
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## DIVISION 05: WILDLIFE VALUE & POISONOUS BERRIES

**One entry per class, except Class 15 Other - 3 allowed per entrant.**

1/2 – 1 cup, unless otherwise specified. Submit foliage sample for all Classes. NO stems except when otherwise specified. Collections require 1/3 – 1/2 cup of each berry, 5 clusters and/or a single layer, conforming to individual Class guidelines. For Junior consideration – indicate sub-category J and state age on entry form. (e.g. J12)

### Class:

- 01 Baneberry, *Actaea rubra*
- 02 Dogwood, ground, *Cornus canadensis*
- 03 Dogwood, red twig, *Cornus sericea*, native species
- 04 Dogwood, red twig, *Cornus*, non-native species
- 05 Elderberry, *Sambucus racemosa*
- 06 False Solomon's Seal, *Maianthemum stellatum*
- 07 Kinnikinnick, *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*
- 08 Mountain Ash, *Sorbus sitchensis* or *scopolina*, shrubby type, native species
- 09 Mountain Ash, *Sorbus aucuparia* (European), tree type, non-native species
- 10 Mountain Ash, any other non-native *Sorbus* species
- 11 Silverberry, *Elaeagnus commutata*
- 12 Soapberry, *Shepherdia canadensis*
- 13 Timberberry, *Geocaulon lividum*
- 14 Collection of 5 or more named wildlife/poisonous varieties, with each species/variety labeled.
- 15 Other

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## DIVISION 06: POISONOUS & EDIBLE MUSHROOMS

**Enter only one species per class, except Class 09 Collections.** Include any number of examples, except Class 08 (submit amount listed). Submit your entry in a sturdy, leak-proof container made of wood, plastic, or metal, not cardboard. Your container should not be much larger than one square foot in size, for fairness. Your mushrooms must be fresh and sound. Rotten mushrooms will not be accepted and cannot be judged.

### Class:

- 01 Wild Gilled mushrooms: all species including *Lenzites* and *Cantherellus*
- 02 Cups, morels, false morels, and their relatives: *Peziza*, *Gyromitra*, *Helvella*, *Morchella*, etc.
- 03 Fleshy annual mushrooms with tubes or pores: *Boletus*, *Leccinum*, *Tylopilus*, *Suillus*, etc.
- 04 Tough conk or shelf mushrooms with pores: *Fomes*, *Phellinus*, *Piptoporus*, *Laetiporus*, *Inonotus*, etc.
- 05 Mushrooms with teeth or spines: *Heridium*, *Hydnum*, *Hydnellum*, *Pseudohydnum*, etc.
- 06 Club and coral mushrooms: *Clavaria*, *Clavariadelphus*, *Ramaria*, *Sparassis*, etc.
- 07 Puffballs and their relatives: *Lycoperdon*, *Bovista*, *Calvatia*, *Geastrum*, etc.
- 08 Cultivated mushrooms: Button (6), Oyster (2), Portabello (2), Shiitake (2), *Heridium* (2), etc.; anything cultivated from spawn or spore. Display in provided container. Hallucinogenic species are not accepted.
- 09 Collections of 5 or more species; either all wild, or all cultivated.
- 10 Other

### Tips on how to make your Division 06 entry competitive:

- Include some of the original substrate where it grew.
- Include a brief write-up on a 3 x 5 card, describing common or "folk" name if known, habitat and substrate where found, interesting facts and uses, including edibility if known.
- For cultivated species, indicate method of propagation, e.g. if it was grown from a kit, spawn, spores, or pieces of other mushrooms.
- Extra points: a spore print
- Extra points: correctly name and label the scientific genus and species, and variety in the case of cultivated mushrooms.
- Extra points: admit you don't know the name; wild guesses cost points.

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## DIVISION 07: OUTDOOR GROWN TREE, SHRUB & VINE FRUIT

**One entry per class, except Class 20 Other - 3 allowed per entrant.** Submit all with stems and sample of foliage/leaves. Class 01 – 08 and 10-18 must enter the same variety. Class 19 must be named varieties and can be all apples or any combination of apples & fruits.

### Class:

- 01 Crabapple, under 1", 10
- 02 Applecrab, 1" – 2", e.g. Rescue, 5
- 03 Apple, Norland apple, 5
- 04 Apple, other than Norland or Westland, 2" - 3", 5
- 05 Apple, Westland apple, 5
- 06 Apple, other than Westland, 3" – 4", 5
- 07 Apple, Yellow Transparent, 5
- 08 Apple, 4" or over, 5
- 09 Apple, largest by weight, 1
- 10 Apricots, 5
- 11 Cherry, Evans, Bali, etc., 12
- 12 Cherry, Pie/Tart, Other than Evans or Bali, 12
- 13 Cherry, Nanking, 12
- 14 Cherry, Sweet, e.g. Bing, Stella, etc., 12
- 15 Chokecherry, 10 clusters
- 16 Kiwi, 12
- 17 Pears, 5
- 18 Plums, 5
- 19 Collection, 5 or more named and labeled varieties
- 20 Other

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## DIVISION 08: GREENHOUSE GROWN OR POTTED WINTER-SHELTERED FRUIT

**One entry per class, except Class 08 Other - 3 allowed per entrant.**

Submit all with stems and sample of foliage/leaves. Variety named and labeled.

### Class:

- 01 Apple, 5
  - 02 Apple, largest by weight, 1
  - 03 Apricot, 5
  - 04 Cherry, 5
  - 05 Peach, 5
  - 06 Plum, 5
  - 07 Collection, 5 or more named and labeled varieties
  - 08 Other
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## DIVISION 09: GREENHOUSE, HIGH TUNNEL & HOOP HOUSE GROWN VEGETABLES

**One entry per class, except Class 19 Other - 3 allowed per entrant.**

Vegetables are judged on market quality. Variety names and labels are required for judging purposes. Name seed company if known. If grown from starts, name nursery/garden center.

### Class:

- 01 Cucumber, European, 1 with ½" stem, 9" and over
- 02 Cucumber, pickling, 6 with ½" stems
- 03 Cucumber, slicing, 3 with ½" stems, 6" and over
- 04 Eggplant, 1 with ½" stem
- 05 Pepper, hot, 3 with ½" stems
- 06 Pepper, small fruit, 5 with ½" stems
- 07 Pepper, sweet, any color, 3 with ½" stems
- 08 Pepper, other, 3 with ½" stems
- 09 Sweet corn, 2 ears, ⅓ husk removed, silk trimmed
- 10 Tomato, cherry/pear, black, 12 with 1/2-1" stems
- 11 Tomato, cherry/pear, orange, 12 with 1/2-1" stems
- 12 Tomato, cherry/pear, red, 12 with 1/2-1" stems
- 13 Tomato, cherry/pear, yellow, 12 with 1/2-1" stems
- 14 Tomato, cherry/pear, other, 12 with 1/2-1" stems
- 15 Tomato, orange, 3 with 1" stems
- 16 Tomato, red, 3 with 1" stems
- 17 Tomato, yellow, 3 with 1" stems
- 18 Tomato, other, 3 with 1" stems
- 19 Other, minimum of 2 required for entr

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## DIVISION 10: LARGEST GARDEN CROP, HERBS, GRAINS, OR VEGETABLES

**One entry per class, except Class 41 Other - 3 allowed per entrant.**

No mutants. Must be clean and undamaged. Must be edible. Must be larger than Market size. Leaves on all cabbages under 50 lbs. will be trimmed to 3 wrapper leaves after official weigh-in due to space limitations. Indicate sub-category W for weight, L for length, or D for diameter as allowed. Guinness Rules and Guidelines will apply to all Division 10 entries. New State Records will receive \$50 premium. Only 1 New State Record prize per entrant, per class, per year, will be awarded.

### Class:

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| • 01 Bean – W/L              | • 15 Greens, mustard – W/L      | • 29 Radish, red – W/L            |
| • 02 Beet, table – W         | • 16 Greens, spinach – W/L      | • 30 Radish, white – W/L          |
| • 03 Broccoli, green – W     | • 17 Kale – W                   | • 31 Rhubarb – W                  |
| • 04 Broccoli, Romanesco – W | • 18 Kohlrabi – W               | • 32 Rutabaga – W/L               |
| • 05 Cabbage, green – W      | • 19 Leeks – W/L                | • 33 Squash, winter – W           |
| • 06 Cabbage, red – W        | • 20 Lettuce, head – W          | • 34 Squash, yellow, summer – W   |
| • 07 Carrot – W/L            | • 21 Lettuce, leaf – W          | • 35 Squash, zucchini, green – W  |
| • 08 Cauliflower – W         | • 22 Muskmelon / cantaloupe – W | • 36 Squash, zucchini, yellow – W |
| • 09 Celery – W              | • 23 Onion – W                  | • 37 Sunflower, cut head – W/D    |
| • 10 Chard, Swiss – W/L      | • 24 Parsnip – W                | • 38 Sunflower, whole plant – L   |
| • 11 Corn, stock – W         | • 25 Pepper, hot – W/L          | • 39 Tomato – W/L                 |
| • 12 Corn, ear – W           | • 26 Pepper, sweet – W          | • 40 Turnip – W                   |
| • 13 Cucumber – W/L          | • 27 Potato – W                 | • 41 Other – W/L per Records List |
| • 14 Greens, collard – W     | • 28 Pumpkin – W                |                                   |

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## DIVISION 11: OUTDOOR GROWN VEGETABLES – JUNIOR

**One entry per class, except Class 78 Other - 3 allowed per entrant.**

Ages 6 to 17. **Junior Grower must be present at Entry.** State age on entry form. Use Div. 12 classes and guidelines.

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## DIVISION 12: OUTDOOR GROWN VEGETABLES

***One entry per class, except Class 78 Other - 3 allowed per entrant.***

Vegetables are judged on market quality. Variety names and labels are required for judging purposes. Extra points for naming Seed Company. If grown from starts, name nursery/garden center. Refer to Definitions on front page for prepping instructions. Celery, Kale, Lettuce, and all other Greens should be displayed in water. Containers provided.

### Class:

- 01 Artichoke, 1 with 2" stem
- 02 Bean, broad or horse, 12 pods with ½" stems
- 03 Bean, green bush, 12 pods with ½" stems
- 04 Bean, purple snap, 12 pods with ½" stems
- 05 Bean, pole, 12 pods with ½" stems
- 06 Bean, yellow, snap, 12 pods with ½" stems
- 07 Beet, elongated, 5, topped with ½" stems and trimmed
- 08 Beet, round, 5, topped with ½" stems and trimmed
- 09 Broccoli, green, 1 head/bunch
- 10 Broccoli, purple, 1 head/bunch
- 11 Broccoli, Romanesco, 1 head/ bunch
- 12 Brussels sprouts, 12
- 13 Cabbage, flat head, 2-5 lbs., 3 wrapper leaves
- 14 Cabbage, pointed, 1-4 lbs., 1-2 wrapper leaves
- 15 Cabbage, round green, 2-5 lbs., 3 wrapper leaves
- 16 Cabbage, round red, 2-5 lbs., 3 wrapper leaves
- 17 Cabbage, savoy, 2-5 lbs., 3 wrapper leaves
- 18 Carrot, Chantenay, 5 topped with ½" stems and trimmed
- 19 Carrot, Imperator, 5 topped with ½" stems and trimmed
- 20 Carrot, Nantes, 5 topped with ½" stems and trimmed
- 21 Carrots, other, 5 topped with ½" stems and trimmed
- 22 Cauliflower, leaves trimmed level with head
- 23 Celery, 1 plant, root trimmed to point
- 24 Cucumber, pickling, 6 with ½" stems
- 25 Cucumber, slicing, 6" and up, 2 with ½" stems
- 26 Endive, 1 bunch
- 27 Gourd, 2 misc. types, with ½" stems labeled with name
- 28 Greens, beet, 1 bunch
- 29 Greens, collard, 1 bunch
- 30 Greens, mustard, 1 bunch
- 31 Greens, spinach, 1 bunch
- 32 Greens, turnip, 1 bunch
- 33 Kale, red, 1 bunch
- 34 Kale, Siberian, 1 bunch
- 35 Kale, Toscano, 1 bunch
- 36 Kale, tight curled, 1 bunch
- 37 Kale, (or cabbage), flowering, 1 plant with 4" stem
- 38 Kohlrabi, green, 3, trimmed, with 3-4 center leaves
- 39 Kohlrabi, purple, 3, trimmed, with 3-4 center leaves
- 40 Leeks, 3, roots trimmed, leaves trimmed to a fan shape
- 41 Lettuce, Butterhead, outer leaves trimmed
- 42 Lettuce, Crisphead (iceberg), trimmed
- 43 Lettuce, Romaine, 1 plant, trimmed
- 44 Lettuce, leaf, green, 1 plant, trimmed
- 45 Lettuce, leaf, colored, 1 plant, trimmed
- 46 Onions, cooking, 5, topped with ½" stems and trimmed
- 47 Onions, green, 1 bunch (6), trimmed
- 48 Onions, pickling, ½ pint (1 cup), topped with ½" stems and trimmed
- 49 Parsnips, 3, topped with ½" stems and trimmed
- 50 Peas, shelling, 12 pods with ½" stems
- 51 Peas, snow pea, 12 pods with ½" stems
- 52 Peas, sugar snap, 12 pods, with ½" stems
- 53 Pepper, green, 2 with ½" stems
- 54 Pepper, other, 2 with ½" stems
- 55 Pumpkin, large, oblong, clean, mature, with 2" stem
- 56 Pumpkin, small varieties, round, clean, mature, with 2" stem
- 57 Pumpkin, ornamental, clean, mature, with 1-2" stem
- 58 Radish, round, 1 bunch (5), trimmed
- 59 Radish, long, 1 bunch (5), trimmed
- 60 Rhubarb, 4-5 pulled stalks, leaves trimmed to 1" fan
- 61 Rutabaga, 3, topped with ½" stems and trimmed
- 62 Squash, summer, Italian (zucchini), 2 with 1" stems
- 63 Squash, summer, straight-neck, 2 with 1" stems
- 64 Squash, summer, crookneck, 2 with 1" stems
- 65 Squash, summer, scalloped or patty pan, 2 with 1" stems
- 66 Squash, winter, acorn, buttercup, butternut, or Hubbard, 2 with 1" stems
- 67 Sunflower, 1 head w/ mature seed with 3" stem
- 68 Sheaf grains - mature, named variety, 2½" - 3½" diameter at neck, trimmed
- 69 Sweet corn, 2 ears, ½ husk removed lengthwise, silk trimmed
- 70 Swiss chard, 1 bunch
- 71 Tomato, green, 3, with 1" stems
- 72 Tomato, ripe, red, 3 with 1" stems
- 73 Tomato, other color, 3 with 1" stems
- 74 Tomato, cherry, ripe, 12 with 1" stems
- 75 Turnip, early white, 3, topped with ½" stems and trimmed
- 76 Turnip, purple, 3, topped and trimmed
- 77 New varieties for current year, minimum of 2 required for entry
- 78 Other, minimum of 2 required for entry



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## DIVISION 13: POTATOES

### **One entry per class.**

Nine (9) per entry, except Class 12 Largest Potato (1 required). Tubers should be clean, uniform in size, shape, and maturity. Not limited to varieties listed. Variety name required. No double entries allowed, except for use as part of a collection.

*For Junior consideration – indicate sub-category J and state age on entry form. For Commercial Grower consideration – indicate sub-category C and include Farm Name on entry form.*



### **Class:**

- 01 Long Whites: e.g. CalWhite, Ivory Crisp, Kennebec, Knik, Mainstay, Shepody
- 02 Round Whites: e.g. Alasclear, Alaska 114, Alaska Frostless, Pike, Snow Chip
- 03 Blue/Purple Skin: e.g. Blue Max, Blue Shetland, Caribe, Purple Viking
- 04 Blue/Purple Flesh: e.g. All Blue, Magic Molly, Peruvian Purple
- 05 Red Skin: e.g. Alaska Red, Cherry Red, Iditared, Red Gold, Red Pontiac, Sangre
- 06 Red Flesh: e.g. All Red, Alaska Sweetheart, Huckleberry, Delta Red
- 07 Yellow Flesh: e.g. German Butterball, Iditared, Red Gold, Rote Eerstling, Yellow Finn, Yukon Gold
- 08 Fingerlings: e.g. Banana, French Fingerling, Haida, Kassan, Kifli, Ozette, Peanut, Peruvian Purple, Ratte
- 09 Russets: e.g. Alaska Russet, Allagash, Hilat, Krantz, Lemhi, Russet Norkota
- 10 Collections, 9 varieties
- 11 Other: e.g. Bicolored, Parti-Potato, Alaska Redeye, Daku, King Edward, Siberian, White Caribe, Magic Myrna
- 12 Potato, largest by weight, 1 required, officially weighed onsite by Alaska Weights and Measures.

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## DIVISION 14: GARDEN DISPLAY, ADULT

**Garden displays require at least 20 named and labeled items:** garden or greenhouse made or produced. Two shelves per display assigned. Shelf measurements: Lower 82"L x 38"W & Upper 82"L x 28"W

Signage welcome. Registration required. Please email [lara@alaskastatefair.org](mailto:lara@alaskastatefair.org) by August 18, 2025 to reserve space for any/all entries. Assemble by 8 pm on entry day. Remove First Entry from 8 am – noon August 26. Remove Second Entry from 10 am – 4 pm September 2.

### **Garden Display Judging Criteria:**

- Overall quality and condition - 20 points
- Arrangement; adherence to Fair theme - 20 points
- Shape, size, and color of produce - 20 points
- Educational value; suitability - 20 points
- Number of items adequately displayed - 20 points *(Use Div. 12 as guideline)*

### **Class:**

- 01 Garden Group or Club
  - 02 Home Gardener
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## DIVISION 15: GARDEN DISPLAY, JUNIOR

Use Division 14 guidelines and criteria.

### Class:

- 01 Garden Group or Club
  - 02 Home Gardener
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## DIVISION 16: VEG HEADS

Transform any vegetable into a character using the fair theme, "Reach for the Stars". Dimensions should not exceed 12" in any direction. Creativity and theme representation are encouraged.

### Class:

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| 01 Junior (ages 6-12) state age on entry form  | 04 Classroom - Elementary only, state grade on entry form |
| 02 Junior (ages 13-17) state age on entry form |   |
| 03 Open  |   |
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## DIVISION 17: LARGEST ZUCCHINI, JUNIOR

No mutants. Must be officially weighed, with 1" stem.

### Class:

- 01 Junior (ages 6-12) state age on entry form
  - 02 Junior (ages 13-17) state age on entry form
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## DIVISION 18: CREATIVE CROPS ARRANGEMENT

- Design an arrangement using a minimum combination of 7 different vegetables, herbs, fruits, and/or grains.
- Variety names are required and must include a list identifying each specimen used.
- Entrant supplies container of choice, e.g. basket, pot, vase, or bowl. Container dimensions should not exceed 16" in any direction. All produce must be suitable for crop entries. No artificial plant material allowed.

### Class:

- 01 Junior (ages 6-12) state age on entry form
- 02 Junior (ages 13-17) state age on entry form
- 03 Open

### Creative Crops Arrangement Judging Criteria:

- Arrangement/creativity - 40 points
  - Overall quality and condition - 35 points
  - Number of items adequately displayed - 15 points
  - Educational value/correct names - 10 points
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## **DIVISION 19: GARDEN ODDITIES**

Must be truly odd, clean, and undamaged.

**Class:**

- 01 Open
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## **DIVISION 20: ALASKA MIDNIGHT SUN GREAT PUMPKIN WEIGH-OFF**

Pre- Registration required. Please email [lara@alaskastatefair.org](mailto:lara@alaskastatefair.org) by August 18, 2025

**Class:**

- 01 Open
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## **DIVISION 21: POTATO PARADE**

A special contest for our youngest fair-goers ages 5 and under. Enter one potato dressed up or made to look like a character or critter. Plant materials DO NOT need to be entrant grown. State age on entry form. Enter on First Entry, Second Entry or both Crops Entry dates!

**Class:**

- 01 Age 5 & Under
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*Special Contests begin on next page.*

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## 19TH ANNUAL ALASKA'S MIDNIGHT SUN GREAT PUMPKIN WEIGH-OFF

**Monday, August 25, 2025**

Craig Taylor Farm Exhibits

Entry Time is 11 am - 1 pm

Weigh-Off begins at 2 pm

Pre-Registration required by August 18, 2025

**Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place.**

Blue - \$1000 | Red - \$500 | White - \$250

See colossal sized squash as they weigh in. Will we break the current state record of 2,147 pounds? The Alaska State Fair is an Official weigh-off site for the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth. Contest rules and guidelines will follow those set forth by Alaska State Fair, Great Pumpkin Commonwealth and Guinness World Records. For more info contact [Lara@alaskastatefair.org](mailto:Lara@alaskastatefair.org)

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*2024 Giant Pumpkin Winner –  
2035 lbs.*

*grown by Dale Marshall from  
Anchorage, AK*

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## 29TH ANNUAL GIANT CABBAGE WEIGH-OFF

**Friday, August 29, 2025**

Craig Taylor Farm Exhibits at 6:00 pm

Pre-Registration required by Thursday, August 21, 2025

**[2025 Cabbage Registration Form](#)  
[\(click here to view/print\)](#)**



*2024 Giant Cabbage  
Winner – 97.35 lbs.*

*grown by Scott Robb  
from Palmer, AK*

### Cash Prizes

1st \$1000 | 2nd \$500 | 3rd \$250 | 4th \$100 | 5th \$75 | 6th - 12th \$50 | 13th - 20th \$25

Contestants must enter through the Orange Access Gate at the Fairgrounds.  
Two admission passes and one parking permit will be mailed to each registered contestant. For more info contact [Lara@alaskastatefair.org](mailto:Lara@alaskastatefair.org)

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## “MAX SHERROD JUNIOR CABBAGE GROWER’S AWARD”

**Sponsored by Alaska Farm Bureau**

**Friday, August 29, 2025**

Craig Taylor Farm Exhibits at 6:00 pm

Pre-Registration required by Thursday, August 21, 2025

[2025 Cabbage Registration Form \(click here to view/print\)](#)



Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$250, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$150, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$100

- Open to growers ages 12 and under as of April 1, 2025.
- Entrants must present an educational poster that documents the growth of their cabbage. Posters & cabbages will be displayed.
- You are eligible to win one prize, in either the open competition or the Max Sherrod Junior Cabbage competition.
- See the Alaska State Fair website for instructions and registration form.

For more info contact [Lara@alaskastatefair.org](mailto:Lara@alaskastatefair.org)

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## SPECIAL AWARDS - CROPS

**These generous donors will recognize outstanding entries:**

**Newcomb & Carson Families**  
(in honor of Sally Karabelnikoff)  
Judge's Choice

**Jacobson's Greenhouse**  
Division 1 (Herbs)  
&  
Division 19 (Garden Oddities)

**Anchorage Garden Club**  
Division 2 (Collections)

**Valley Garden Club**  
Divisions 3, 4 & 5 – Juniors (Berries)

**Garnett Morrow Sr. Family**  
Division 3, Class 1 (Blueberry)

**Bushes Bunches Stand**  
Division 12, Class 60 (Rhubarb)

**Alaska Pioneer's Fruit Growers Association**  
Division 7 Champion  
(Outdoor Grown Tree, Shrub  
& Vine Fruit)

**Meadow Lakes Bloomers Garden Club**  
Division 10, Class 38 (Sunflower)  
&  
Division 18 (Creative Crops  
Arrangement)

**Ken's Garden Center**  
Division 11 (Outdoor Grown Veg - Jr)

**Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage**  
Division 12 (Outdoor Grown Veg)

**Alaska Seed Growers Association**  
Division 13 (Potatoes)

**Dearborn Farm**  
Division 13 Potato Plaque  
&  
Division 13, Class 12  
(Largest Alaska Grown Potato)

**Alaska Mill, Feed & Garden Center**  
Divisions 14 (Garden Display)

**Mat-Su Master Gardeners**  
Division 16 (Veg Heads)

**Wildflower Garden Club of Alaska**  
Division 17 (Largest Zucchini - Jr)